

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) A method for transmitting a useful data object from a switching component to a mobile station, comprising:

the mobile station selecting, with the aid of a selection device assigned to the mobile station, at least one Public Mobile Network (PLMN) in which the useful data object is to be transmitted;

the mobile station storing the selection of the at least one PLMN in a storage unit assigned to the mobile station; and

transmitting the useful data object from the switching component to the mobile station when it is determined that the mobile station is registered in the at least one selected PLMN, and it is determined that the switching component has a delivery request for the useful data object.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the mobile station is notified by the switching component when the switching component has a useful data object for the mobile station.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the at least one PLMN is selected as a function of at least one parameter, the parameter comprises one of cost of transmitting the useful data object, transmission time for the useful data object, size of the useful data object, the sender of the useful data object, and the nature of the useful data object.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the step of determining whether the mobile station has registered in one of the selected PLMNs is performed by a determination device assigned to the mobile station or the switching

component.

23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22, wherein the determination device notifies the mobile station that the mobile station has registered in one of the selected PLMNs, when it is determined either by the switching component or by the assigned communication device that the mobile station has registered in one of the selected PLMNs.

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22, wherein the mobile station sends the switching component the delivery request for the useful data object, either when it is determined by the mobile station that the mobile station has registered in one of the selected PLMNs, or the mobile station is notified by the determination device assigned to the switching component that the mobile station has registered in one of the selected PLMNs.

25. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the switching component transmits the useful data object to the mobile station when the delivery request for the useful data object is sent from the mobile station to the switching component or the switching component already has a delivery request.

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the useful data object is transmitted as a multimedia message in the context of the multimedia messaging service between the switching component and the mobile station.

27. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein the mobile station displays to a user, on receipt of a notification that a useful data object is available, the option of selecting from at least two of the following options: transmitting the useful data object from the switching component immediately, at a later time or after registration of the mobile station in the home network or in a previously selected network outside the home network.

28. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the useful data object is sent from a data provision component to the switching component for transmission to the mobile station.

29. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein at least one of the following information items contained in the useful data object is stored in a storage unit assigned to the mobile station: a status of the transmission process of the useful data object, the at least one selected PLMN, a selected parameter(s), notification and messages, information specific the useful data object.

30. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein the storage unit assigned to the mobile station is a SIM card or a UICC card with a USIM application.

31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein the storage, the receiving and sending of the useful data object, the selection of the PLMN, the selection of the parameters and/or the display on the mobile station are executed by a software application on the mobile station.

32. (Previously Presented) A device for transmitting a useful data object from a switching component to a mobile station, comprising:

means for selecting, with the aid of a selection device assigned to the mobile station, at least one PLMN in which the useful data object is to be transmitted;

means for storing in a storage unit assigned to the mobile station the selection of the at least one PLMN; and

means for transmitting the useful data object from the switching component to the mobile station when it is determined that the mobile station is registered in the at least one selected PLMN, and it is determined that the switching component has a delivery request for the useful data object.